

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-14 (Canceled).

15. (New) A character information collating correcting apparatus for filing medical image data with ID data, comprising:

an inputting section to input medical image data and character information data including ID data identifying a patient as a data set;

an information memorizing section to memorize a specific character information data;

a comparing section to compare the inputted ID data with the specific character information data; and

an operating section to operate the data set;

wherein when the comparing section judges that the inputted ID data coincides with the specific character information data memorized in the information memorizing section, the operation section holds the inputted ID data until being corrected by the operating section.

16. (New) The character collating correcting apparatus of claim 15, wherein the medical image data contains a character image data and the character information data are obtained from the character image data by a technique of character recognition.

17. (New) The character collating correcting apparatus of claim 15, further comprising:

a character information search section to conduct a search of a character information data base based on the inputted character information data;

a comparing section to compare the inputted new character information data with a character information data obtained from the character information data base; and

a determining section to determine the character information based on a comparison result by the comparing section.

18. (New) The character information collating correcting apparatus of claim 17, wherein when the comparing section judges that the character information data coincides with the specific character information data, the operation section holds the character information data coinciding with the specific character information data until being corrected by the operating section without conducting the search of the character information data base.